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TRADE MINISTER ANNOUNCES NUCLEAR CONTRACT

The Honourable Gerald Regan, Minister for International Trade, announced today that Bingham Willamette of Burnaby, British Columbia, has been awarded a contract worth \$31 million to supply primary heat transport pumps and shut down cooling pumps to the Cernavoda nuclear power facility in Romania.

The Export Development Corporation is financing this sale under a U.S. \$680 million loan granted to the Romanian Bank for Foreign Trade covering the sale of two CANDU nuclear power stations by Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd.

The contract, which is scheduled to be completed in the course of 1987 and 1988 represents several hundred person-years of employment in engineering and manufacturing at the company's facilities in Burnaby.

Mr. Regan said "I am very pleased with the signing of this contract which follows other contracts recently awarded to several Canadian firms for the same project. Additional sales will be concluded shortly by other Canadian companies as part of the Atomic Energy of Canada CANDU project in Romania. This project will provide immense benefits to Canada in terms of employment in a high technology sector, providing a total of 5,000 person-years of direct employment in the Canadian nuclear manufacturing and consulting engineering industry. Romania's choice of the CANDU technology is a further recognition of Canada as a leader in the nuclear energy field."

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